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(b) The exact figures are not known yet. So far, exclusive of police expenditure, there are only two items of importance :—

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(i) Rent of a part of Freemasons Hall used by the Madras Provincial Committee	200
(ii) Reception arrangements at the Harbour ...	619

The Government have asked the Inspector-General of Police to report the actual expenditure incurred on police arrangements in the mufassal.

Issue of section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, against Mr. Kuppuswami and others.

*1976 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, have been passed by the respective district and other magistrates on the following persons during the last four months in the places mentioned against each :—

(1) P. Kuppuswami Mudaliyar—Vellore, Arni, Tiruppattur, Gudiyattam,
(2) Annamalai Pillai—Tiruvannamalai,
(3) Srinivasa Barathi of Kumbakonam—Wandiwash, Cheyyar taluk,
(4) Srinivasa Varadan of Madura—Wandiwash, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai and Tirukkoyilur,
(5) P. V. Hanumantha Rao—Wandiwash, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai and Tirukkoyilur,
(6) K. R. Jamathagni of Kadaperi—Arni,
(7) Akkor Anantha Chariyar—Arni division,
(8) W. Srinivasa Rao—Arni,
(9) Swami Shanmuganandam—Vellore ;

(b) whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter ; and

(c) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, were served on Nos. (3), (5) and (9) at Wandiwash, Tiruvannamalai and Vellore, respectively ; the Government have no information about any such orders served on the other persons mentioned.

(b) & (c) It is not the policy of Government to interfere with the exercise by magistrates of the discretion vested in them by law.

General

Part taken by the Indian Members of the Cabinet in the recent Self-Respect Conference.

*1977 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that five Indian Members of the Government, including the Members of the Executive Council and the Ministers, took part

in the functions connected with the Self-Respect Conference recently held at Chingleput; and

(b) what was their object in doing so?

A.—(a) No; only the Ministers attended the Conference which was opened by the First Minister.

(b) To show their sympathy with the objects of the Conference.

Mr. C V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the Third Minister attended the Self-Respect Conference?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The answer says so."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know if the hon. the Third Minister sympathizes with those objects which consist in destroying our holy temples, the Ithihasas and Puranas, etc.?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I shall ask the hon. Member to put the question to the Minister." (Laughter.)

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the hon. Member is aware that this Conference was political in its nature?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why the Indian Members of Government attended the Conference when it was a political conference?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The answer is in order to show their sympathies."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I know whether the Government is aware that one of the chief tenets of this Self-Respect Society is that they should rebel against God and man, Heaven and Hell?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not know." (Laughter.)

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know whether the Indian Members of the Executive Council—the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member—attended the functions held at the same time and place as the Conference?" 11-30 a.m.

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That is a question which I must ask the hon. Member to address the hon. Members concerned."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the Ministers consulted the hon. the Revenue Member before they attended this Conference?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir."

Irrigation

Proposed abolition of the office of Collector for Mettur Project.

*1978 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether final decisions have been arrived at and if so, to what effect regarding (1) the question of dispensing with the necessity of having a separate Collector for Mettur; and (2) the distribution of water from the Mettur dam to the Coimbatore and Salem districts?